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EXPLORATION OF COAL BY POWER COMPANIES IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanadi Coalfield Limited (MCL) has permitted some power companies from Maharashtra and Gujarat to explore Coal in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of power companies which are exploring coal in the State; and

(d) the details of terms and conditions in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR.DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (d): The Machhakatta and Mahanadi coal block in Talcher coalfield of Orissa have been jointly allocated to two power companies of Maharashtra & Gujarat i.e. Maharashtra State Power Generation Corporation Ltd.(MSPGCL) and Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Ltd.(GSECL) for captive mining through Govt. dispensation route. These two companies have formed a Joint Venture Company Viz. Mahaguj Colliery Limited having its Head Quarters at Prakashgad. Mumbai. Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd. (CMPDI) is conducting detailed exploration in these blocks under the scheme of Detailed Drilling in Non-CIL Blocks.